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Lebanon

US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens **DO NOT TRAVEL** to Lebanon due to COVID-19. Reconsider travel due to crime, terrorism, armed conflict, civil unrest and Embassy Beirut's limited capacity to provide support to US citizens. **Do Not Travel to:** the border with Syria due to terrorism and armed conflict; the border with Israel due to the potential for armed conflict; refugee settlements due to the potential for armed clashes. Consult its website via the link below for updates to travel advisories and statements on safety, security, local laws and special circumstances in this country.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

Passport/Visa Requirements

US citizens should make sure their passport will not expire for at least 90 days after they enter the country even if they do not intend to stay that long. NO Israeli stamp or visa should be found in your passport. Travelers should also make sure they have at least 1 blank page in their passport for any entry stamp that will be required. A visa is required. US citizens will need to get in touch with the country's embassy or nearest consulate to obtain a visa prior to visiting the country.

US Embassy/ Consulate

[961] (04) 543 600; US Embassy in Beirut, Awkar-Facing the Municipality, Main Street, Beirut, Lebanon; BeirutACS@state.gov; <https://lb.usembassy.gov/>

Telephone Code

961

Local Emergency Phone

112

Vaccinations

See WHO recommendations

<http://www.who.int>

Climate

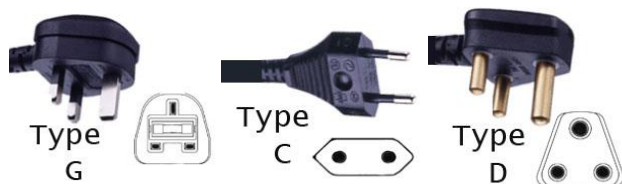
Mediterranean; mild to cool, wet winters with hot, dry summers; the Lebanon Mountains experience heavy winter snows

Currency (Code)

Lebanese pounds (LBP)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

230 V / 50 Hz / plug type(s): C, D, G



Major Languages

Arabic, French, English, Armenian

Religions

Muslim 61.1% (30.6% Sunni, 30.5% Shia, some Alawites and Ismailis), Christian 33.7%, Druze 5.2%

Time Difference

UTC+2 (7 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time); daylight saving

time: +1hr, begins last Sunday in March, ends last Sunday in October

Potable Water

Opt for bottled water.

International Driving Permit

Suggested

Road Driving Side

Right

Tourist destinations

Baalbek; Beirut (includes National Museum and Corniche); Cedars of God Nature Preserve; Byblos; Beiteddine Palace; Kadisha Valley; Tyre

Major Sports

Soccer, basketball

Cultural Practices

When invited to a home bring a gift for the host; it is considered polite to additionally bring chocolates for the children of the house.

Tipping Guidelines

Waiters are usually tipped 10-15%, but check your bill as some places automatically add a 15% service charge. Hotel porters and parking valets appreciate small bills as a gratuity.

Please visit the following links to find further information about your desired destination.

[World Health Organization \(WHO\) - To learn what vaccines and health precautions to take while visiting your destination. http://www.who.int](http://www.who.int)

[US State Dept Travel Information - Overall information about foreign travel for US citizens. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html)

[To obtain an international driving permit \(IDP\). Only two organizations in the US issue IDPs: American Automobile Association \(AAA\) \(www.aaa.com\) and American Automobile Touring Alliance \(AATA\) \(www.aataidp.com\)](http://www.aaa.com)

How to get help in an emergency? Contact the nearest US embassy or consulate, or call one of these numbers:

from the US or Canada - 1-888-407-4747 or from Overseas - +1 202-501-4444

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